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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Slingsby et al.)
Appln. No.: 10/088,076) Group Art Unit: Unknown
Filed: March 20, 2002) Examiner: Unknown

For: PRODUCER CELL FOR THE PRODUCTION OF RETROVIRAL VECTORS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Applications Containing Sequence Disclosures, mailed on May 20, 2002, please amend this application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the following paragraph with the amended version that follows. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(c)(2), a marked-up version of the specification is set forth at the end of this response under the heading "Marked-up Version of the Specification."

Please delete the paragraph at page 39, lines 17-21, and replace it with the following paragraph:

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Figure 16 shows the alignment of leader and gag regions present in vectors pONY4Z (SEQ ID NO: 63), 8Z (SEQ ID NO: 64) and ATG mutated 8Z (SEQ ID NO: 65) vector. The latter is referred to as pONY8ZA. The sequences aligned are from the NarI site in the leader to the Xba site between the EIAV gag sequence and the CMV promoter. Sequences in the leader are shown in *italic* and a space is present upstream of the position of the gag ATG; and